

Cedar Hollow 6th-8th Grade Band

Grading Procedure

Instrument Mastery

Students will have a weekly option (to be chosen at each week's lesson) between practice time and an in-class playing test.

- OPTION 1: PRACTICE TIME
 - Students who choose to log practice time will be expected to practice at least 50 minutes per week outside of school. To record your time, use a practice log, due on Friday's, and turn logs into the red basket. Points will be earned as follows, 50 points possible:
 - 1 point for each required minute of practice (45 minutes = $45/50 = 90\%$)
 - for extra minutes over the 50 minute requirement, 1 point extra credit will be awarded for each minute (53 minutes = $53/50 = 106\%$, etc.)
- OPTION 2: WEEKLY TEST
 - Each week, an assignment will be given for all students. Students may choose to play the test for a grade in lieu of practice time.
 - Students who do not turn in practice time will be required to play the assignment, so that a grade can be assigned for the week.



Class Attention and Participation

Each 6th-8th grade band student will rehearse twice each week: once during their lesson time (as assigned by instrument), and once during "Full Band" each Friday. Each rehearsal will be worth 50 points. However, points will be deducted for the following reasons:

- No instrument: -15 points
- No music (including band method book): -10 points
- Talking/disruptive behavior: -5 points per incident (at the director's discretion)
- Not coming to band: loss of all points for the day



Obviously, if you don't have an instrument or music, it will be very difficult for me to help you learn to play it better! Likewise, if you are talking or disrupting the rehearsal, you are not only making it so that you cannot learn, but also others around you.

Summary

It should be very easy for everyone to get a high grade in band (as in, really high...above 100!). Be sure to let me know if you ever have questions.

Let's have a great year in Cedar Hollow Band!!

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